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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

STEPHEN J. MILLER, ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/671,313

Filed: SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

For: PREPARATION OF MOLECULAR  
SIEVES INVOLVING SPRAY  
DRYING

GROUP ART UNIT: 1755

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004 for which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set. Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and fee extending the time for responding to the Office Action by three (3) months to March 22, 2005.

No amendments to the specification or claims are being made in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.